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SUBIN ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF COUNTY TASK FORCES TO LOOK AT WORKFORCE SUSTAINABILITY & EMPLOYEE HEALTH ISSUES

Council President Michael L. Subin and MCGEO/UFCW Local 1994 president Gino Renne announced today the formation of two study groups to examine current and future trends for workforce sustainability and health coverage for the County workforce.

"It's critical for us to look very, very closely at our workforce needs and challenges for the future," said Council President Subin. "We also have to get the best 'bang for the buck' for County employees' health needs. These recommendations will have both short and long-term implications for future Montgomery County budgets."

Subin and Renne appointed Michael Gildea to chair the *Workforce Sustainability Study Group*. Gildea is the former chair of the Montgomery College Board of Trustees and of the Montgomery County Democratic Party and is a long-time executive with the AFL-CIO.

The second task force, the *Employee Health Fund Study Group*, will be charged with reviewing employee health plans across County agencies with a charge to determine ways to improve coverage and save money. Wendell M. Holloway, the Vice President for Government Relations of Suburban Hospital Healthcare System, Inc. and former interim president of Bowie State University, will serve as chair.

Both groups have been asked to report to the Council by December 1, 2003. Membership of the groups will be representative of employee organizations, county government and the public at large. # # #

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